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Applicant: Darren D. Cofer et al.

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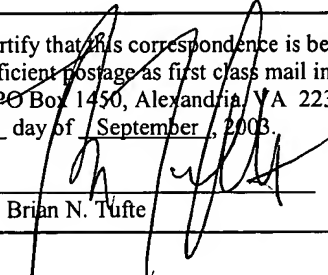
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**AMENDMENT**

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Dear Sir/Madame:

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Official Action of the Examiner mailed June 11, 2003, setting a three-month shortened statutory period for response ending September 11, 2003.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.